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Outline Editorial
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Dear Ladies and Gentlemen:

This letter is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated April 2, 2019, wherein you requested the "files, correspondence, and records generated between May 1, 2002 and May 1, 2004, concerning the production and installation of the "Mission Accomplished" banner seen behind President George W. Bush during his May 1, 2003 speech aboard the USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN." Your request was received in this office and has been processed under FOIA, 5 U.S.C. §552, and has been given FOIA #2019-006480.

We were unable to locate documentation pertaining to the production and installation of the aforementioned "Mission Accomplished" banner; however, we have enclosed pictures that were taken aboard during President Bush's visit. Our search consisted of records that were maintained by USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN (CVN 72), but none were found.

If you are not satisfied with the response to this request, you may contact our office at the telephone number and e-mail address provided below, as well as the Navy's FOIA Public Liaison, Mr. Christopher Julka, at christopher.a.julka@navy.mil; DONFOIAPublicLiaison@navy.mil or (703) 697-0031, for any further assistance and to discuss any aspect of your request. Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, e-mail at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at (202) 741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at (202) 741-5769.

You are also advised you have the right to appeal this determination through FOIA Online or in writing to the designee of the Secretary of the Navy under the above statute. An appeal, should you choose to submit one, should be addressed to:

Office of the Judge Advocate General (Code 14)
1322 Patterson Ave., S.E.
Suite 3000
Washington, DC 20374-5066
Telephone: (202) 685-5450
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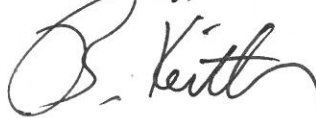
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The deadline for the appeal must be submitted within 90 calendar days from the date of this letter. For the purpose of appeal, "submitted" means transmitted if the appeal is submitted via FOIA Online and postmarked if the appeal is submitted by mail. You have the burden of proving an appeal was timely submitted. Your appeal must include an explanation of why it should be granted. A copy of your original letter and this partial denial letter should accompany the appeal. If submitting your appeal via mail, the appeal should be marked, "FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT APPEAL" both on the envelope and the face of the letter. The official responsible for the partial denial of your request is:

D. H. MILLER, III
VADM, USN
Commander, Naval Air Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet

Your fee category is categorized as "other;" fees associated with the processing of your request have been waived. My point of contact in this matter is Legalman First Class George Amerson, U.S. Navy. Please do not hesitate to contact him if you have any further questions regarding this matter. He may be reached at (619) 767-1554, or via e-mail: george.amerson@navy.mil.

Sincerely,



B. KEITH
Commander
Judge Advocate General's Corps
U.S. Navy
Deputy FOIA Coordinator
By direction of
the Commander

Enclosure: 1. Photographs of President George W. Bush aboard the USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN (CVN 72) in May 2003